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**Subject: California Environmental Reporting System Update**

Dear Facility Operator:

The Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) of the Department of Environmental Health is the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) for the County of San Diego. The CUPA inspects your facility to ensure compliance with the unified program and medical waste laws and regulations. Our role is to ensure that facilities have appropriate response plans and report hazardous materials, properly store and handle hazardous and medical wastes, and have leak containment and detection for above and underground storage tanks.

On January 1, 2013, a change in State law required unified program facilities to submit facility and hazardous material inventory information into the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) instead of using paper forms. The development of CERS was widely supported by businesses. Your facility information was pre-populated into CERS using information in our local database. The pre-population was conducted to make it easier for you to review the information, make changes, and submit it in CERS.

The transition to CERS required a substantial initial effort on the part of regulated businesses and CUPAs statewide. HMD has been providing training and assistance to local businesses with CERS. As a result, this initial effort may have delayed your inspection as we continue to work with businesses to comply with this change in law.

If you have already updated your facility information in CERS and completed your submittals, we thank you for the time and effort you have put forth. If you are among the facilities that are not in compliance with the electronic reporting requirements, it is your responsibility to make changes to your pre-populated information now and submit as required by the state law as soon as possible. We are ready and willing to assist you. We also want to make sure that you are aware that failure to comply with the new law that requires electronic reporting using CERS could result in substantial penalties. For more information about CERS, please visit our website at [http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/deh/hazmat/hmd\\_cers.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/deh/hazmat/hmd_cers.html)

For a listing of other resources to ensure that your facility is in compliance with other unified program requirements, guidance materials listed by industry type can be found at: [http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/deh/hazmat/hmd\\_publications.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/deh/hazmat/hmd_publications.html). In addition, copies of the violation checklist that unified program inspectors use throughout the state are available at: <http://www.calcupa.com/ChecklistProject.php>. Please feel free to contact the HMD duty specialist at [hmdutyeh@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:hmdutyeh@sdcounty.ca.gov) if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Thank you for your patience and for your efforts during this transitional process.

Sincerely,

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